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SUBJECT: INFORMING HOST GOVERNMENTS OF RHODESIAN DEVELOP-
MENTS

1. US AND UK CONTINUE TO PURSUE ACTIVELY RHODESIAN
SETTLEMENT BASED UPON ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS ISSUED
ON SEPTEMBER 1. WE WANT TO CONVEY TO AFRICAN NATIONS
THAT OUR SETTLEMENT EFFORT IS NOT DORMANT AND THAT WE
HAVE NOT CEDED THE INITIATIVE TO SMITH'S INTERNAL
SETTLEMENT GAMBIT.

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2. BRITISH HAVE INSTRUCTED THEIR AFRICAN POSTS TO
APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS AND BRIEF THEM ON CURRENT
DEVELOPMENTS. BRITISH DO NOT ENVISAGE JOINT US/UK
DEMARCHES, NOR DO WE. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD CONSULT
WITH YOUR BRITISH COLLEAGUES TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY
SUPPORTING ACTION ON YOUR PART MAY BE DESIRABLE. IN

POSTS WHERE THERE IS NO BRITISH REPRESENTATION, YOU MAY, AT YOUR DISCRETION, APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. US AND UK CONTINUE JOINT EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT ON THE BASIS OF THE SEPTEMBER 1 BRITISH WHITE PAPER.

B. BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE STATED THAT ATTEMPTS TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT, WHICH PURPOSEFULLY EXCLUDE SOME OF THE IMPORTANT NATIONALIST ELEMENTS, WILL NOT PRODUCE AN ENDURING AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

C. FOR THIS REASON, WE DO NOT AND CANNOT SUPPORT THE CURRENT INTERNAL SETTLEMENT TALKS NOW UNDER WAY IN SALISBURY BETWEEN MR. SMITH AND REV. SITHOLE AND BISHOP MUZOREWA.

D. UK RESIDENT COMMISSIONER-DESIGNATE LORD CARVER AND SECRETARY WALDHEIM'S REPRESENTATIVE, LTGEN PREM CHAND, VISITED MAPUTO JAN 6-9. THEIR TALKS WITH THE MOZAMBIKAN GOVERNMENT WERE USEFUL, FRANK, AND BUSINESSLIKE. WHILE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, LORD CARVER ALSO MET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN AND BOTSWANAN GOVERNMENTS TO BRIEF THEM ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND TO EXPRESS CONTINUED US/UK COMMITMENT TO PROPOSALS.
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E. THE CARVER VISIT TO MAPUTO MEANS THAT MUCH OF THE GROUNDWORK FOR SETTLEMENT ON THE BASIS OF ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS IS NEAR COMPLETION. THE DETAIL WORK ON AN INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD IS VIRTUALLY READY FOR PRESENTATION. WE NOW NEED POLITICAL MOMENTUM.

F. SINCE EARLY NOVEMBER, THE BRITISH HAVE SOUGHT SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. ALTHOUGH NKOMO AND MUGABE MET LORD CARVER IN DAR ES SALAAM IN EARLY NOVEMBER, THEY DECLINED TO DISCUSS THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR PROPOSALS. THEY SUBSEQUENTLY DECLINED INVITATIONS FOR FURTHER TALKS IN MALTA OR IN LONDON. ON DECEMBER 23 FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN RENEWED HIS INVITATION TO MR. NKOMO AND MR. MUGABE TO COME TO LONDON AND EXPRESSED HIS FIRM INTENTION TO ADHERE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS. THE BRITISH STILL AWAIT THEIR RESPONSE.

G. AT BEIRA, MOZAMBIQUE, THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS

EXPRESSED ON DEC. 19 THEIR CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR THE
PRINCIPLE OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BASIS OF OUR PROPOSALS.
IT IS NOT IN THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE
TO FURTHER DELAY SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. WE AND THE
BRITISH HOPE THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WILL RESPOND
RAPIDLY AND AFFIRMATIVELY TO DR OWEN'S INVITATION.

3. FOR FRONT LINE POSTS, PRETORIA AND LAGOS. YOU MAY
DRAW ON ABOVE IN YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS. MORE DETAILED TALKING POINTS RELATING TO
CARVER'S SOUTHERN AFRICAN TRIP ARE IN PREPARATION. VANCE

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